

news & notes

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news briefs

Home School Day, Family Day updates

Have fun with your whole family during Family Day at the museum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 17. Activities include hands-on demonstration stations, fast-paced family tours, storytime for grade-school children and an Aerospace Adventure. For more information, visit <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/education/family/index.asp>.

The museum's spring Home School Day is scheduled for March 26. Registration opens March 1. More information and registration forms are available at <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/education/homeschool/index.asp>.

Online Air Force historical references

Do you want to learn more about Air Force history? The museum offers a broad introduction to USAF history through its online historical references: Aircraft of the Air Force (<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/research/aircraft/index.asp>), History of the Air Force (<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/research/history/index.asp>) and People of the Air Force (<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/research/people/index.asp>). Nearly all of these historical fact sheets include photos. Brush up on your Air Force knowledge by visiting our research pages today!

Pilot to discuss Have Blue, Tacit Blue

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ken Dyson will present "Recollections from a Pilot of Have Blue and Tacit Blue" at 7:30 p.m. on March 14 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

Lecture-goers will hear about the advances in stealth technology from one of the pilots who demonstrated that an aircraft could operate close to the battlefield without fear of being discovered by enemy radar.

Lt. Col. Dyson worked on Tacit Blue stealth development aircraft, which was related to the B-2 aircraft, and as a test pilot on the highly classified Have Blue stealth fighter prototype, which led to the

F-117 aircraft. He also served as an Air Force test pilot, where he flew weapons development tests in F-100, F-101 and F-4 aircraft, and as an F-15 test pilot during its early days. He flew B-1B developmental flight tests from 1984 to 1990.

Lt. Col. Dyson's presentation is part of the museum's Wings & Things Guest Lecture Series. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call (937) 255-8046, ext. 312, or visit <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/news&events/lectures/dyson.asp>. For a list of future guest lectures, please visit <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/news&events/lectures/index.asp>.



Northrop Tacit Blue is on display in the museum's Research & Development Gallery. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Web site users get a look behind the scenes

Have you ever wanted to look behind the scenes at a museum? Museum Web site users now have the opportunity to check out aircraft restoration projects and part of the museum's collection in storage.

You can find out what is going on in our restoration hangars, including updates on the *Memphis Belle*, MiG-29 and others, by visiting the Current Projects page (<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/exhibits/projects.asp>). This page is updated monthly.

A new feature on the Web site gives visitors a glimpse into the museum's collection in storage.

Each Monday, a unique aircraft or artifact is highlighted as the Featured Accession of the Week. Visit <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/collection/accession/index.asp> to learn more.



This Army Air Corps Game has been a Featured Accession of the Week. (U.S. Air Force photo)

now showing

IMAX® Theatre current schedule

Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag: Shown at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

The Magic of Flight: Shown at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

Space Station: Shown at 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

on the radar

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 •
Behind the Scenes Tours

March 10 • Band of Flight
Swing Concert

March 14 • Wings & Things
Guest Lecture Series

March 17 • Family Day

March 26 • Home School Day

March 27 • VIP Lecture

April 6, 13, 20, 27 • Behind
the Scenes Tours

April 7 • Band of Flight
Bandtastic Concert

April 21 • Family Day

April 24 • Wings & Things
Guest Lecture Series

May 4, 11, 18, 25 • Behind
the Scenes Tours

May 19 • Glenn Miller Tribute

For a complete list of museum events, please visit <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-060202-001.pdf>

Band of Flight plans March 10 swing concert

"Might As Well Be Swing" is the title of the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight's spring concert, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 10 in the museum's Modern Flight Gallery.



The Band of Flight performs in the museum's Modern Flight Gallery. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Under the command of Lt. Col. Alan Sierichs, the band travels nearly 100,000 miles each year to present more than 450 performances before military and civilian audiences.

The concert is free to the public as part of a continuing partnership between the band and the museum. Museum doors open at 6:30 p.m. No tickets are necessary.

For more information about the concert series, call (937) 255-8046, ext. 495, or visit <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/news&events/concerts.asp>.

New, updated exhibits in Modern Flight Gallery

Every time you walk through the museum's galleries, new and exciting exhibits are waiting to be discovered. The past few weeks have seen the addition of these two exhibits in the Modern Flight Gallery.

F-51 Painting

A painting, titled "Working Together to Defend Hill 351," was added to the Korean War area of the Modern Flight Gallery. The piece was painted by Roh Hee Gok and donated by Maj. Gen. (Ret.) E. Yul Yoon (ROKAF). It depicts the effort of Allies helping one another on March 26, 1952, when 15 ROKAF F-51s led by Maj. Yoon furiously attacked communist ground forces attacking Hill 351.



F-51 painting

Col. Hess Exhibit

The exhibit highlighting Col. Dean Hess was recently updated. During his service in Korea, Col. Hess started an unofficial program for giving food and shelter to the real victims of the war, children who had lost their parents and their homes. During Operation Kiddy Car, 15 C-54s evacuated hundreds of children from dangerous Seoul to an orphanage established at Cheju Island. By the time Col. Hess was transferred from Korea, the orphanage had taken in more than 1,054 Korean children who most likely would otherwise have died. More information is available online at <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=1913>.



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